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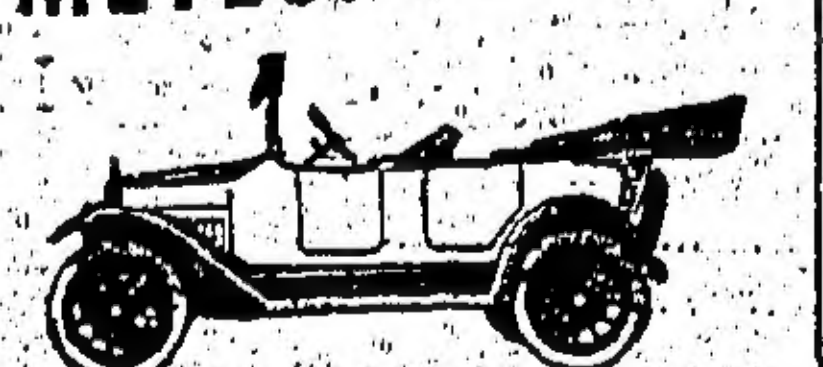
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## THE WAR.

### VICTORIOUS ALLIED ADVANCE.

### HARD FIGHTING AT SOME POINTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### THE FLANDERS ADVANCE.

#### BRITISH OCCUPY ROUBAIX AND TUNCOING.

#### ENEMY FIGHTS DESPER- ATELY.

London, Oct. 19.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:—

The day was marked by stubborn

enemy resistance on the line of

Bruges-Oostcamp-Wynghem-Thielt-

Oostroosebeke.

We overcame the resistance east

of Oostcamp and Oostroosebeke.

The Belgians south-west of Bruges

progressed considerably, crossing the

Bruges-Oostend Canal at several

points.

Advancing northwards, they occu-

pled Oostcamp and reached the ap-

proaches to Bruges.

The Second British Army im-

proved the line south of the Lys and

crossed the Courtrai-Mouscron rail-

way at a number of points.

The British this afternoon occu-

pled Roubaix and Tourcoing.

#### BELGIANS OCCUPY BLANKEN- BERGHE.

#### FRENCH CAPTURE THIELT.

London, Oct. 19.

Reuter learns that the Belgians

have occupied Blankenberghe and

the French have captured Thielt

and progressed 2,000 yards beyond.

British cyclists have reached the

outskirts of Mouscron, north-east

ward of Courcoing. Eastwards of

Douai we are progressing along the

road to Tournai and Valenciennes.

The enemy are retreating north-east of

La Fere and are strongly resisting

between Bruges and Courtrai.

#### THE BRITISH FRONT.

#### MORE POINTS CAPTURED.

1,200 PRISONERS TAKEN.

London, Oct. 19.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

reports:—

The British and Americans con-

tinued the attack between Bohain

and Le Cateau, and made good pro-

gress in co-operation with the French

on their right.

Despite heavy resistance, we have

once more driven the enemy from

the positions he took up. We cap-

tured Wassigny and Ribeaupierre

and entered Bazuel, where fighting con-

tinues. We took over 1,200 prison-

ers in these operations.

Between the Sennece Canal and the

Lys the enemy's forced retreat con-

tinues.

We further advanced five miles,

despite considerable opposition.

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## THE WAR.

(Continued from Page 5.)

### SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

#### THE FLANDERS DRIVE.

#### 13,000 PRISONERS IN FLANDERS.

#### TAKEN BY ALLIES IN RECENT OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

The British landing party under Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, which occupied Ostend this morning, received a most enthusiastic reception.

The Allies are advancing along the Brugues-Thourout road and are within five miles of Brugues.

The situation at Courtrai is interesting. We hold one-third of the town, in which there are 5,000 inhabitants. The Germans are retaining the remainder, in which there are 20,000 civilians.

We are virtually all round the place and the enemy is in a decidedly precarious position. He attempted on Monday night to take away all civilian males between the ages of 17 and 55.

The Allies had taken over 13,000 prisoners in Flanders up to last night.

#### ALLIED FRESH ADVANCE

#### PROGRESSING.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The latest reliable news is that to-day a new advance from Le Cateau has progressed two miles. The Allies are five miles from Valenciennes-Hirson railway and eight miles from Valenciennes itself.

The Belgians crossed the Yser near Nieuport and are advancing on Ostend. The enemy is probably withdrawing to a line running from Brussels and Namur to the right bank of the Meuse.

#### BELGIANS PURSUE ENEMY.

#### OUTSKIRTS OF BRUGES

#### REACHED.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

A Belgian communiqué states:—The attacks carried out by the French and Belgians since October 14th have completely succeeded.

On the whole front in Flanders the beaten enemy continues to retreat closely followed up by the Allied troops.

On the left the Belgians crossed the Yser in pursuit of the enemy and our infantry entered Ostend this afternoon. Further east we reached the line Oudenburg-Zedelghem-Ruddersvoorde.

The Belgian cavalry, hustling the enemy rearguards, reached the outskirts of Brugues. The enemy columns are retreating upon Echvo, and are being shelled.

In the centre the French advanced considerably beyond Swevezele and Pitthens, carried Wyngheue and reached the outskirts of Thiel.

To the south the Belgians reached the junction of the Mandel canal and the Lys and skirt the river to Hazleboke. Indescribable enthusiasm prevails among the civilians in the reconquered territory.

#### ZEEBRUGGE OCCUPIED.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

Zeebrugge has been occupied.

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### ALLIED ADVANCE IN FLANDERS.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

A French communiqué states:—

The French, co-operating with the British and Belgians, today captured Pitthens, Mouleboke and Wyngheue, despite vigorous resistance.

The French, in the region of the Oise, sharply attacked all day long between Audigny forest and the river, and captured Petitverly, Marchavegne and Montdorigny and took 1,200 prisoners.

The enemy furiously counter-attacked west of Grandpre, where we advanced north of Oigny.

#### BRILLIANT SUCCESSES

#### GARNERED.

#### VERY HEAVY FIGHTING IN

#### PROGRESS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, says:—

There has been a black day for German arms. Whilst, between Lille and the sea a wonderful crop of most brilliant successes were being garnered, the Fourth British Army struck hard between Le Cateau and Bohain, aiming in the direction across which the enemy is trying to effect his main retreat.

Fighting has been heavy, but the progress has been satisfactory. The principal tactical objectives were reached at an early hour.

The heaviest resistance was encountered around Le Cateau. The prisoners up to mid-day numbered 1,800, from six different Divisions.

#### GERMAN RETREAT FROM NORTH

#### SEA TO THE LYS.

#### BRITISH CAPTURE LILLE.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

1.40 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The German retreat, begun on the 16th inst., under pressure from the armies commanded by the King of the Belgians, has continued on the whole front between the North Sea and the Lys.

By evening the advance had reached a depth of 20 kilometres on a front of over 80 kilometres.

The Belgians entered Ostend. Their cavalry are at the gates of Brugues. Belgian cavalry occupied Ingelmunster. The French have captured Pitthens, Mouleboke and Wyngheue.

Further south the British Second Army occupied the line of the Lys north of Courtrai. South of that town the British crossed the river and reached the outskirts of Tourcoing.

We took over 3,000 prisoners in these operations. Threatened by the continued Allied progress south of the Seneze and north of the Lys the enemy is hastening his retreat from the Douai-Lille salient.

We entered Douai, having broken the enemy resistance on the line of the Haute-de-Canal.

The troops of the Fifth Army under General Birdwood, having pressed back the enemy's rearguards with great activity and determination for many weeks, to-day encircled and captured Lille.

#### DOUAI CAPTURED.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We have captured Douai.

#### WITHIN A MILE OF TOURCOING.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

1.50 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The prisoners taken in the operations on the Bonain-Le Cateau front exceed 4,000 and a number of guns were captured.

We continue to advance on the whole front between the Seneze Canal and the Lys. We crossed the Canal on a wide front north of Cambrai and are now astride the Douai-Densin road; four miles south-east of Douai.

We have captured a number of villages and are within a mile of Tourcoing.

#### INHABITANTS OF OSTEND GREET

#### ALLIES.

#### BELGIANS TAKE POSSESSION

#### OF TOWN.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing yesterday evening, says:—

The Germans at dawn to-day were obliged to abandon the coast. Belgian and French aeroplanes flying over Ostend and Ostend, ascertained that the roads were open for an advance without opposition.

Descending low, they saw the inhabitants in Sunday attire enthusiastically waving to them. A French airman flew down and landed at Ostend and was carried triumphantly through the town while the last Germans were leaving the town.

The British fleet appeared, and Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes and the men of the Navy were given an ovation on landing.

A few hours after Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes landed, a Belgian battalion entered Ostend, with colours flying and the band playing.

### BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN AT

### OSTEND.

PARIS, Oct. 18.

The Belgian King and Queen went to Ostend this afternoon. The town was besieged and numerous aeroplanes landed on the Ostend beach.

#### THE FRENCH FRONT.

#### VIOLENT FIGHTING ON OISE.

#### FRENCH OCCUPY ANGAILCOURT.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

A French communiqué states:—On the right bank of the Oise there has been a violent enemy artillery reaction.

Between the Oise and the Serre our pressure during the past few days has obliged the enemy to begin a fresh withdrawal.

Emerging from the Cheigny-Achery end at night we pursued German rearguards and occupied Angailcourt.

West of Grandpre extremely bitter fighting continues and has extended this morning as far as the height of Vouziers. We crossed the Aisne here.

#### CULMINATION OF COLOSSAL

#### BATTLE.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing on Thursday evening, says:—

The British and French attacks, begun this morning between Le Cateau and the Oise, are the culmination of the colossal battle commenced on Oct. 8th.

Generals Rawlinson and Debeney are advancing on the railway connecting the enemy front between the Oise and Reihel with the great junction at Hirsan and, thereby, with Germany.

Gen. Debeney's First Army attacked on a front of 12 miles between the forest of Ancey, crowning the Oise-Sambre watershed, and the Oise region of Ribemont.

General Debeney's left, this afternoon, was within two miles of Valenciennes station on the Leon-Wassigny-Hirsan railway. The Germans have a strong force on the whole front and are resisting most tenaciously.

#### HOW THE AMERICANS TOOK

#### GRANDPRE.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

An American official message states:—We have captured, and passed beyond, Grandpre, taking an additional 1,000 prisoners.

#### GERMANY'S MILITARY

#### STRENGTH.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing to-day, says:—

The capture of Grandpre yesterday was accomplished without artillery preparation.

The Germans with a view to rendering the pursuit more difficult destroyed the bridges over the Aire. Instead of bridging, the Americans forded the shallow stream at four points under a murderous fire, and after bitter hand-to-hand fighting drove out the Germans from Grandpre and took possession of the important railroad.

#### WAR CAN BE PROTRACTED.

#### GERMANY NOT LIKELY AT

#### PRESENT TO CAPITULATE.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

As regards the enemy strength, it is pointed out in responsible quarters that he has still altogether 200 Divisions and although he has lost 500,000 prisoners and 4,000 guns on the Western Front during the past three months, his line on the West is still unbroken. His armies are more or less intact and there has been no general demoralisation.

Hence it is still possible for the Germans to protract the war for some months.

The point is there is no actual military reason alone, at the moment, why they should capitulate unconditionally.

#### THE BALKANS.

#### GREEKS RE-OCCUPY EAST

#### MACEDONIA.

LONDON, Oct. 18.

A Greek communiqué states:—The re-occupation of East Macedonia to our old frontier has been completed.

ALLIED ADVANCE IN OLD SERBIA.

#### RETIREATING AUSTRIANS

#### ATTACKED.

LONDON, Oct. 15.

A French Eastern communiqué states:—The victorious advance in Old Serbia continued. We reached Kalga to the north-east of Nish on October 15 and occupied the hills to the south of Lelina and Brusovac.

French and Greek advance-guards, further west, reached Kragujevac and Northward from there the enemy fled hastily.

The French cavalry in the direction of the Montenegrin frontier supported

### by the Serbian Comitatija, attacked

### Austrian convoys retreating from

### Mitrovitz and captured 3,000 wagons

### and a huge quantity of material.

This detachment on October 13th entered Spak where it captured 500 prisoners and enormous grain stores.

#### ALLIES CAPTURE 90,000 PRISONERS

#### IN ONE MONTH.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

The Allies captured 90,000 prisoners and 800 guns in the Balkans between September 15th and October 13th.

Two Austrian and parts of four German Divisions are still operating in Serbia.

#### THE PALESTINE OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 17.

Twelve thousand Turks, under Field-Marshal von Sanders, are concentrated at Aleppo.

#### DEYASTATIONS NOT TO CEASE.

#### PREVIOUS REPORT DENIED.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 17.

According to a report from Berlin the German Press publishes to-night a communiqué announcing that the statement with regard to the ceasing of devastations is without foundation.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE

#### DISAPPOINTS BERLIN.

#### EXHAUSTIVE DELIBERATIONS

#### BEFORE REPLY IS SENT.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.

The *Koelnische Volkszeitung's* Berlin correspondent states that the reply to President Wilson will not be sent immediately. Exhaustive deliberations are necessary between the Government, representatives of the Reichstag, the Federal Council and the High Command. President Wilson's Note has caused intense disappointment.

#### GERMAN CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S

#### FEARS.

#### WAR MUST BE FOUGHT OUT.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 18.

The *Koelnische Volkszeitung's* Berlin correspondent states that the manifesto by the Conservative Party, signed by the leaders, Herr Heydebrand and Herr Westarp, which declares that after President Wilson's reply the Empire has no choice. The decisive contest by arms must be fought out to the end. The manifesto appeals to friends of conservatism to make the populace realise what is at stake.

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Four Rolls GALVANISED WIRE NETTING (1 1/2 mesh) (new). Terms—Cash.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

In connection with the "Our Day" Biscuit at the Side Shows at Happy Valley three valuable silver prizes have been presented for competition.

We are requested to state the auction of the special roses will take place at the Cricket Ground on "Our Day" at 11 noon and not at 12.30 as previously announced. Mr. H. P. White has kindly consented to act as auctioneer.

We are asked by Mr. Looker to say that the many kind expressions of sympathy he has received have touched him very deeply. He trusts this form of acknowledgment will be forgiven in all cases in which a personal answer is not received.

Messrs. Noronha &amp; Co. have presented 6 silk roses and 6 hand-painted doliies to the Our Day Fund. The roses were made by Mrs. G. A. Yanovich, who is 74 years of age and the doliies were painted by Mrs. B. B. Banta. These gifts will be auctioned at "Our Day" at 12 noon on the Cricket Ground.

The A. D. C.'s "Our Day" production, "The Barton Mystery," production, on November 7th and 8th at 9.15 p.m. for which the booking opens at Moutrie's to-morrow at 9 a.m. Among conspicuous war-time successes none deserved its happy fate better than Mr. Walter Hackett's "spoofs" mystery play at the Savoy, enclosing "Mr. H. B. Irving's Beverly." It is something so much more than a common or garden "spoof" play, for "The Barton Mystery" blends better than has happened anywhere, yet the fine flavour of modernity with good old-fashioned thrill, glamour, and entertainment, during philosophic suggestion with wild burlesque, are so cleverly intermingled that, faintly unbelievable as the whole thing is, there is no moment when one can say "This is impossible."

One shudders to think what sort of production we should have had from someone who had tried seriously to impose "psychometry" upon us. But Hackett's "spoofs" are a real and genuine success. As far as he is, between his brains and his libations, just gets hold of the truth and waves it with his Pontian challenge from psychological science to physical. He gives people a jolly evening, all laughter and excitement, and throws in for luck a really big idea, well worth thinking over.

## DEATH OF A FEMALE PRISONER.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

This afternoon Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, in his capacity as Coroner, held an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Fong Long Hoo, a Chinese female prisoner who died at the Victoria goal on the 19th instant.

The following jury were empanelled:—Messrs. G. W. Manley, O. Baptista and Noor Mohamed Bux.

Mr. F. Piesse, acting chief warder at the Victoria goal, said the deceased, a Chinese female, aged 34, was committed to goal on September 5th. She was serving a sentence of two months' hard labour for obtaining money under false pretences.

Dr. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer, said the patient first complained to be sick on the morning of the 15th. He found that she was in a very anemic condition and that she had a large tumour on the left side of the abdomen. She was given treatment which she continued till the morning of the 18th instant, when she was found to be suffering from a high temperature—between 104° and 105°—and witness then diagnosed that she was suffering from influenza in addition to her other trouble. She was treated for this condition both with medicine and extra diet and the temperature came down, but in spite of it all she died on the night of the 19th. He performed a post-mortem examination on the body this forenoon and he found the lungs on both sides were inflamed. The heart was extremely dilated and enlarged. The tumour mentioned was an enormous spleen. The primary cause of death was influenza, and the secondary cause the tumour and the dilated heart. When the deceased came under his treatment she was treated as hospital inmate.

A temporary Chinese wardress at the Victoria goal said the prisoner appeared to be very ill on the 16th and on Saturday evening, when she was breathing heavily. Witness was present when deceased died.

The jury returned a verdict of death due to natural causes.

## DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germ. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleanses the entire body, which forms a child's throat when it is cold and prevents the chance of contracting diphtheria. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The October Criminal Sessions were opened this morning, before Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, also sitting, in the Second Court.

## (Before the Chief Justice.)

## FORGERY CASES.

Fung Kam pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery. The Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., said a Japanese gentleman obtained a draft from the Bank of Taiwan in Canton and brought it down to Hongkong and was walking along Nathan Road, Kowloon, with the draft in his pocket and, the day being hot, he took off his coat and carried it over his arm. Apparently the draft dropped out of the pocket and was found by the accused who forged an endorsement and presented it to the bank. His Lordship sentenced accused to two years' hard labour.

## Fong Kam pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery.

The Attorney General said the prisoner was employed at a shop and one of his duties was to go to the Post Office and get registered letters addressed to the firm. On one occasion the accused went to the Post Office and got certain letters, out of which he extracted three drafts. Having access to the firm's chops, accused chopped the drafts and presented them to the Bank and obtained the money. Accused's pay was \$3.50 a month and it seemed rather unfortunate that a man drawing that pay should be allowed possession of such important chops.

His Lordship sentenced accused to three years' hard labour on each count, the sentences to run concurrently.

## KIDNAPING.

Mok Shing pleaded guilty to a charge of kidnaping.

The Attorney General said the prisoner was found in the train between Sham Chan and Sham Shui by Mr. Mackay who is at present attached to the Police Department and was working with some Chinese detectives when he found the prisoner with three boys. One of the boys said he was approached in Canton, by the prisoner who suggested that he should kidnap a boy and bring him down to Hongkong. The informant eventually agreed and they got hold of a boy aged eight years and brought him to Hongkong, on August 26.

His Lordship sentenced accused to seven years' hard labour and to receive 18 strokes of the birch.

## ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE.

Wong Yan pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery with violence.

The Attorney General prosecuted and the accused was undefended.

The jury were—Messrs. F. W. Gibbins, M. J. G. S. G. de Silva, W. F. V. H. V. Ribeiro, A. H. Carroll and C. M. Soares.

The Attorney General, outlining the case, said the story was a dramatic one. The prisoner was charged with assault, accompanied by another man, with intent to rob. He was also charged with wounding two women with intent to do grievous bodily harm. There was no doubt about the grievous bodily harm. One of the women had thirteen wounds on her head and the other had ten wounds and the lives of both were in danger for over a week. The whole case was full of instances of wonderful powers of endurance. The old woman, who was over 50 years of age, was wounded on the head thirteen times, and lost a lot of blood, and yet she managed to pull through. Her daughter had ten wounds and also lost a great deal of blood and yet she was able to lift the mother up from the hold of the junk where she had fallen from the deck. The prisoner, in the course of his attack, got struck on the head by one of the defenders of the junk and got his skull fractured, but in spite of that it seemed he was able to swim ashore and to walk for a considerable distance before he collapsed. The other robber sustained a ruptured kidney, a ruptured liver, an injured lung and two wounds on the head, and yet he also managed to swim ashore and to walk a considerable distance before collapsing. That man was now dead. The hero of the story was a man who had been living on the junk, but merely as a visitor. He would tell the jury that on the night in question, the 2nd of August, while the junk was lying off Sham Shui Po he was asleep in the fore-hold when the prisoner and the man now dead and he employed on the junk, came to him and proposed that he should take part in robbing the junk. He refused. The prisoner and the deceased man thereupon managed to close the hatch leaving the visitor and the boy down below. A short while afterwards the visitor heard screams of terror, and he managed to open the hatch and, coming on deck, secured an iron bar and went to the after part of the junk where the two robbers came tumbling out and he struck at them with the iron bar. The police, hearing the cries, came on board, but in the meantime the two robbers had jumped overboard and escaped. The accused was arrested in Yau Ma Tei. He stated at the police station that the mistress of the junk owed him \$20 and when he went on board to ask for payment, a fight ensued.

The jury found the accused guilty of robbery with violence and sentenced him to five years' hard labour and to receive 18 strokes of the birch.

His Lordship sentenced accused to four years' hard labour for attempted robbery and ten years' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the "Cat" for cutting and wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm; the sentences to run consecutively.

## (Before Mr. Justice Gompertz.)

## ARMED ROBBERY.

Chu Wa, Chang Yau, Lau Cheung and Lau Lau were charged with armed robbery.

Accused pleaded not guilty. The Crown Solicitor, Mr. G. H. Wakeham prosecuted and the accused were undefended.

The jury were: Messrs. K. R. Macaskie, P. J. de Miguere, J. Khan, J. M. Alves, G. Lee, L. A. V. Ribeiro and C. E. Sybil.

The Crown Solicitor, outlining the case, said the four accused were charged with robbery with violence at a money changer's shop in Wukin Street in Hung Hom, on September 25. The men went into the shop, armed with various implements and stole some copper cents to value of \$15. The accused were eventually arrested owing to one of their number giving information to the Police. The case is proceeding.

## THE LATE SIR HENRY BERKELEY, K.C.

## TRIBUTE BY THE SUPREME COURT.

Prior to the opening of the Criminal Sessions this morning, His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.), referred to the death of Sir Henry Berkeley. His Lordship was accompanied on the Bench by His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz, and the majority of the local members of the legal profession were in Court.

His Lordship addressing the Court, all present standing, said—Mr. Attorney General, since the Court was last in session, Sir Henry Berkeley has passed away, and it is fitting that this unhappy event should not pass unnoticed. After being Attorney General and Chief Justice of Fiji, Sir Henry Berkeley came to Hongkong as Attorney General in 1902, an office which he held for 4 years. On his retirement from office he continued to practise in these Courts for some years, being engaged in many of the most important cases at that time. Sir Henry was an advocate of great power and charm. He was eloquent to a degree and was possessed of an old-world courtesy rare in the sordid age in which we live. A staunch friend, he had no enemy. To his many friends in Hongkong it is pleasing to know that the closing years of his life were given largely to useful public work at home, and that they were crowned, he believes, with every domestic happiness. I am sure that the legal profession, to which he was so attached, desires to place its chaplet on his tomb.

His Honour, Mr. Justice Gompertz said—I desire to associate myself with the words that have fallen from the Chief Justice. I had the privilege of knowing Sir Henry Berkeley from the first day he landed in the Colony. I also knew his family intimately. I am sure the whole profession and the whole community of this Colony will agree with us in the expression of deep and heartfelt sympathy to the family.

The Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, said: May I say one word? I desire on behalf of the Bar and of the Government service to offer to Lady Berkeley and her family our deepest sympathy in their bereavement and to express our sense of the loss at the death of one who, by his geniality and courtesy of manner endeared himself to all who knew him.

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS RETURNS TO THE COLONY.

Harmston's Circus which has been on tour in the North has returned to the Colony and opens to-morrow evening at Kowloon on a site close to the Post Office. As will be seen from the advertisement, the Circus has many attractions. A very notable one is the band of a highly trained Chinese troop, which has been touring Europe for several years past and has recently escaped out of Russia. They are a great attraction to the Circus and their marvellous performances, win the admiration of Europeans and Chinese alike. The performance begins at 8 o'clock and will conclude in time to enable patrons from the Island to comfortably catch the train.

## AN AID TO DIGESTION.

WHEN you have a fullness and weight in the stomach after eating, you may know that you have eaten too much, and should take one of Chamberlain's Tablets, to aid your digestion. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

SIR,—Whilst it is admitted on all sides that the housing problem is a pressing question, no concrete scheme has as far been presented for its solution. I, therefore, make no excuses for submitting, through the medium of the Press, the following suggestions for the consideration of employers in particular, and of the public in general.

It is well-known that the present scarcity of residences is due to the large influx of Chinese into the Colony, owing to the disturbances in the neighbouring provinces of China. It is, however, to the interest of the Colony that the Chinese of the better class should be encouraged to buy properties here and thus help to develop the Colony. The real solution of the whole problem would be for the European firms, both large and small, to follow the example of the Japanese firms and provide residences for the members of their European staffs. It must, however, be borne in mind that instead of purchasing present buildings, as the Japanese are doing, new houses should be built upon new sites which should be reserved, once for all, for the Europeans only, as otherwise, the situation would soon again become aggravated.

If the leading banks and mercantile houses were to adopt such a scheme, with a large number of houses to be built in the near future, thereby considerably relieving the situation. It would also be possible for the Government to advance, say, a million dollars out of the funds in their hands at the rate of 6%, and it is not too much to expect that the advances would be made only to the small firms, as the banks and leading companies in this Colony are quite capable of financing their own outlays. In the Hongkong Bank alone, there are over forty European employees and about the same number employed by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co. There is nothing to prevent these two establishments adopting the scheme straightaway. They and all other employers could make it a point that all their employees receive no more increases for the next three or four years on the distinct understanding that free permanent quarters would be provided for them in the meantime, in lieu of the usual increases. Should such a scheme be adopted, in five years' time the majority of Europeans in the Colony would be provided, for all time, with good residences, rent free. In the case of small firms who cannot afford such an expenditure, they could borrow the money in their names and lend it to their employees at a lower rate of interest, the difference being paid by the firm.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has already pointed out that the Government would be only too pleased to help, but it is out of the question to rely entirely on them. What the Government could do would be to develop new sites and offer them for sale at a low price, one of the conditions of sale being that houses must be built on the sites within 24 months and that at no time in future will it be possible for the present purchasers, or their assignees, to let the houses built on such sites for more than a certain fixed rent, which must not exceed, say, 8 per cent. on the capital disbursed for the purchase of the land and the cost of the building. Such a condition should form part of the Crown lease, because it is said that in the case of a large and well-known tenement in Hongkong, which is at present almost entirely in the occupation of Portuguese families, the original intention of the owner was that the rent for those houses should never exceed \$35 per month, but it is to-day more than double and is being paid by those who can ill afford it.

The Clarke in the employ of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co., and several other firms have already large amounts in their Provident Fund and the money so standing to their credit could be utilized as a margin to defray the cost of the new houses, which would be erected to their own designs and according to their requirements and wishes. The houses would become the property of the employees after they had paid off the mortgage in full, but they should not be permitted to dispose of the property without their employers' consent while they remain so employed.

The Government are providing free quarters for their European officers or giving allowances in lieu thereof. One of the conditions of the latter scheme is, however, that if an officer occupies only part of a house or shares it with any one else, or resides in a hotel or boarding-house, he forfeits the allowance. This condition obliges every Government officer to occupy a house by himself, even though it may be too big for him, thereby creating a larger demand for houses. All allowances should be abolished as soon as possible and free quarters provided.

The Naval and Military Authorities are also housing some of their officers in married quarters built for the purpose, but they should be urged to erect Government houses for all their European employees, especially for the civilians in their employ, as these are often far more numerous than the permanent residents. One of the principal and most important points to be first dealt with would be for the Colony's finances to work in conjunction with the Government to raise the necessary money by a Public Loan against the Revenue of the Colony, and to establish a Building Committee of business men. The necessary money for building purposes could then be advanced to employers from the Government Fund on a mortgage of 6 per cent. and a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent.

There would be some difficulty in the application of this scheme to all the European employees but the obstacles encountered in a few individual cases should neither prevent nor delay the adoption of a feasible and practical solution of the housing problem, which is becoming more acute day by day.

There are a large number of suitable sites above and below May, Bowen, and Kennedy Roads for the European community and sites are also available in Kowloon which are within easy reach of the new Ferries to Shamshui.

A public meeting should at once be convened and a Committee appointed more or less as follows:—

Mr. N. J. Stubb or his nominee to represent the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, to advise on the financial aspect of the scheme. One of the leading architects of the Colony. Mr. L. N. Leefe and Mr. R. Sheenan as representatives of employers and the commercial community in general. Mr. A. R. Lowe as a Chartered Accountant. Mr. A. Shelton, however, as representing vested interests in the Colony, and Mr. J. P. Brax, to represent the Portuguese community who are the great sufferers in this connection. As the Unofficial members of the Legislative Council have too many calls on their time, it would be well for them not to be appointed as they could very well express their opinions through the other members with whom they are in constant touch.

All meetings of the Committee should be held in public and it should be open to any one to address the Committee or to send them suggestions in writing. Meetings should be advertised at least one week ahead and the Director of Public Works should be present to furnish whatever information may be required, on the understanding that he would not be committing the Government in any way whatever. After a series of three or four meetings, every aspect of the scheme would have been thoroughly discussed and the Committee could then meet in private to prepare their report and recommendations. To put the matter on a business footing, a paid Secretary and a Showman Report should be engaged, as there would probably be no difficulty whatever in raising the necessary funds from our leading residents, who are certainly public-spirited enough to contribute towards such a worthy cause.

The above are the broad outlines of the scheme and it is, of course, recognized that it is far from being complete and will have to be considerably modified after due discussion. The need for immediate action is, however, pressing and it would be well for a meeting to be convened without further delay by the Press, as representing the public. All that is required is to arrange beforehand for several representative speakers to address the meeting.

Trusting that this letter will help to bring about a much desired solution of this problem, Yours etc., K.Y.Z.

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## THE "OUR DAY" GYMNASIA.

The following times taken on Sunday and Monday morning of the gallopes for "Our Day" Gymnasium meeting will, we feel sure, be of interest to those who are attending this meeting.

With the exception of Conquest Dablia and Rocksand (old ponies), and Cicero and Robert the Devil ("Our Day" Derby griffin) who indulged in half miles, the rest of the gallopes this morning were opening quarters for final gallopes to-morrow morning. We shall in due course publish records of these final gallopes. Bods (late Perry), Duxman and Benit (or certainly showed improved form this morning, and the times show that these ponies have been coming on somewhat. Cicero, certainly a racing-shaped griffin, vindicated the opinion some formed of him on his arrival here, by beating Robert the Devil by half a length over half a mile.

We have already said that the form of these ponies is somewhat confusing owing to the fact of their being war griffins. Even now it is a good judge who can pick out the winner of the "Our Day" Derby.

Anyone who draws a starter, therefore, in the "Our Day" Derby Sweep which is to be drawn on Wednesday stands as good a chance as the next of investing four or five thousand dollars in the big War Bond Lottery.

Sunday, October 20.

STAR BOAT (Sodgwick and Ruston) (boy), 1-24.1, 1-10.1.

BLACK CAT (Sodgwick), 1-37.2, 1-19.4, 2-22.8, 1-4. 82.4.

GRANDIOSA (FARL) (boy), 1-24.5, 1-2.0, 1-1.0, 87.

VICTORIOUS CROWN (Sodgwick) 1-33.9, 1-33.2, 1-42.4, 2-16.4, 1-4. 34.

SWEETIE CAT (Sodgwick), 1-43.0, 1-15.7, 1-52.1, 2-28.2, 2-59.1, 1-4. 32.4.

ROCKNOCSE (boy), 1-37.4, 1-20.2, 1-32.3.

Monday, October 21.

CONQUEST DABLIA (boy), 1-34.1, 1-34.7, 1-31.3.

BENIT (boy) and DUXMAN (boy) 1-32.2, 1-32.0, 1-32.0.

BODS (boy), 1-32.2, 1-32.2, 1-32.2.

CICERO (boy) and ROBERT THE DEVIL (boy), 1-33.4, 1-33.4, 1-33.4.

CONQUEST DABLIA (boy), 1-34.1, 1-34.1, 1-34.1.

SWEETIE CAT (boy), 1-43.0, 1-43.0, 1-43.0.

GRANDIOSA (boy), 1-24.5, 1-24.5, 1-24.5.

VICTORIOUS CROWN (boy), 1-33.9, 1-33.9, 1-33.9.

SWEETIE CAT (boy), 1-43.0, 1-43.0, 1-43.0.

ROCKNOCSE (boy), 1-37.4, 1-37.4, 1-37.4.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE FRENCH FRONT.

## ENEMY PURSUIT ON OISE.

## FURTHER POSITIONS CAPTURED.

London, Oct. 19.

A French communiqué states:— West of the Oise, the First Army again attacked this morning from Andigny Forest to the river, and gained fresh successes, re-capturing the village of Mennetrev in the Forest of Andigny, the eastern outskirts of which we held.

They advanced five kilometres in this region under very difficult conditions and reached the outskirts of Hannappes, Grandverly and Noyales, and captured the villages of Grogis, Aleserville and Bernerville, despite furious resistance.

Further south our advance-guard continued the pursuit between the Oise and the Sambre.

We advanced north of Sery-les-Moizieres to the outskirts of Surfontaine and north of Nourion and Capillon.

Nine kilometres beyond the confluence of the two rivers we occupied ten villages and captured prisoners. So far, 1,500 have been counted.

We crossed the Aisne on a front of five kilometres on both sides of Noyales and obtained a lodgment at Sirey, east of the village of Vandy, and captured several fortified farms, taking several hundred prisoners.

Further east we advanced in the wooded region between Olizy and Grandpre.

## PROGRESS OF THE FRENCH ADVANCE.

London, Oct. 19.

A French communiqué states:— During the night our First Army, continuing its victorious advance, completed its task by throwing back the enemy who endeavoured to maintain at all costs his position on the west bank of the Oise.

We have at present reached the canal from east of the Forest of Andigny to north of Hautville. We hold Hannappes, Tupigny, Noyales and also the majority of the places bordering the canal.

Since the opening of the battle in this region on the 17th inst., we have taken 3,000 prisoners and captured 20 guns, considerable numbers of machine guns, and important war material, including an entire munition train.

On the Aisne front we have cleared the enemy between the canal and the Aisne to the west of Attigny. We have captured Ambly-le-Haut and taken prisoners.

## AMERICAN FRONT.

## 2,500 PRISONERS TAKEN.

## FRESH ADVANCE ON MEUSE.

London, Oct. 19.

An American communiqué states:— West of the Meuse the advance continued. We took Bathoille and entered the northern edge of Bois-de-Lorges and captured Tanema Farm, west of Grandpre, after severe fighting.

East of the Meuse we repulsed a fresh attempt to drive us out of our new positions in Bois Grande Montagne.

The Americans, participating in the British attack on Thursday south of Le Cateau, penetrated two miles and stormed Molain, St. Martin Riviere and Larbre-de-Guise and took 2,500 prisoners.

## AMERICAN POSITIONS CONSOLIDATED.

London, Oct. 18.

Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing today, states:—

Along the American sector the Germans have nineteen divisions, being fifteen more than they had on September 20th.

The Americans have now consolidated their positions on the strategic Cote-Chateau, wherefrom a great mass of German defensive positions to the north-westward can be controlled.

## BRITISH AIR-RAIDS.

London, Oct. 19.

A Press Bureau communiqué states:— An independent force on the afternoon of the 18th inst., attacked the railways at Metzablon. Bursts were observed on the railway workshops and the railway triangle. All our machines returned. During the night of the 18th and 19th we attacked railways at Harreborg. Owing to weather conditions the results were not observed. We were without casualties.

## 125,000 CIVILIANS LIBERATED FROM SLAVERY.

Paris, Oct. 19.

A Havas message states:— Further great advances are reported by all the Allied Armies. Tourcoing and Roubaix have been occupied and over 125,000 civilians have been released from long slavery. The Belgian infantry which occupied Ostend pushed on to the outskirts of Bruges. The King and Queen of Belgium were received at the town hall with great enthusiasm.

Between Courmel and Cambrai the advance is on a front of 50 miles. The Germans are hurrying off, avoiding being enveloped. The main mass of the German reserves were near Le Cateau and Guise where the British, French and American armies progressed, taking 6,000 prisoners.

French opinion admits that great caution is necessary regarding the reports of disagreements between their military and the Reichstag, and of strikes and disorders in Germany.

The note in reply to President Wilson has been deferred. Admiral von Scheer and Field-Marshal von Hindenburg have arrived in Berlin. Possibly the military has succeeded in getting command of the situation.

STRIKES OF GERMAN MUNITION WORKERS.

Information from Berlin states that the Germans have no choice. At ammunition works, men and women have downed tools. Krupp's works are near to being closed down.

## ENTHUSIASM IN FRANCE.

Paris, Oct. 19.

A Havas message states:— Amid indescribable enthusiasm, M. Deschanel and M. Clemenceau spoke in the Chamber on the delivery of Lille, Douai, Tourcoing, Roubaix, Ostend and Bruges and expressed the emotion every Frenchman felt at the great liberation.

M. Deschanel said: "Soon the last German soldier will have quitted the soil of France, Belgium and Alsace-Lorraine."

M. Clemenceau said: "Our soldiers are feeling the tyranny restricting liberty."

Both speeches are posted through out France.

## ALLIED SUCCESSES INCREASE DAILY.

[FRENCH WIRELESS.]

Lyons, Oct. 20.

The Allied successes increase every day in Flanders, where fresh progress was made on Friday along the Belgian coast.

Between the Lys and the Sambre the enemy has retreated and is falling back rapidly.

The British have advanced on the whole line to a depth of several kilometres.

The conquest of Douai was achieved by the Army under General Horns, whose troops have advanced more than seven kilometres to the east of that town.

The British are approaching Denain, which they threaten to the south from Lieu St. Amand.

British, American and French troops continue to exercise the most vigorous pressure between the Oise Canal and the Sambre. Our Allies are established on the line Bazul-Ribeauville-Wasnigny. They have taken 4,200 prisoners and advanced four kilometres.

To the south the Army under General Debouche has advanced five kilometres and has completely conquered the huge Forest of Andigny.

The Germans have thus been compelled to fall back nine kilometres to the north of the Serre. They are withdrawing in the direction of Guise and Vervins. We took more than 1,600 prisoners in this sector.

## FRANCO-GREEK SUCCESS.

Lyons, Oct. 20.

Serbian troops have taken Krupa and Brusa.

French and Greek troops have reached Novi Bazar.

French cavalry have occupied Kalna.

## HINDENBURG INSISTS ON ARMISTICE.

## PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE COLD DOUCHE ON GERMAN HOPES.

Paris, Oct. 19.

The German papers point out that President Wilson's Note is a cold douche on their hope of peace, which was engendered by the first Note. Notwithstanding this, the German Government will try to gain time by discussions of the terms of the armistice.

The Associated Press says Field-Marshal von Hindenburg has insisted on an armistice owing to the desperate condition of the German Army from the exhaustion of raw materials.

The French Press comment that President Wilson may be considered to have put an end to the dangerous situation concerning the public and Army morale. There will be enough talking when we go on to Berlin.

The German Press comment is that President Wilson's language is arrogant and an insulting slap in the face. It is not a step in the direction of peace.

The Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, addressing a gathering at Westminster, said before the settlement of peace the enemy must re-build, restore and re-pay.—Havas Agency.

## THE GERMAN REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE.

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.

A message from Berlin states:— The Government to-night dismissed the final form of the German Reply to President Wilson's Note. It will probably be despatched on the afternoon of the 19th inst.

## THE REICHSTAG.

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.

A message from Berlin states that the Reichstag meets on the 22nd inst.

## FEDERALISED AUSTRIA.

## DECREE BY THE EMPEROR.

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.

A decree by the Emperor Karl proclaims the transformation of Austria into a Federalised State in which each race will have its own territory and its own government.

The question of adding Austrian Poland to an independent Polish State is held in abeyance. The town of Trieste, with the surrounding territory, obtains "a special position" of which no details are given, but apparently the door is left open for future negotiation with Italy.

The countries under the Hungarian Crown are unaffected by the decree which concludes with a declaration emphasising the need for the union of all forces to reconstruct the country after the war.

Existing institutions remain until the legislation is completed.

## COUNT TISZA'S CONFESSION.

Amsterdam, Oct. 19.

A message from Budapest states that in the Lower House Count Tisza said: "We must frankly admit that we have lost the war. Our task now is to get as advantageous a peace as possible."

## AUSTRIAN PREMIER RESIGNS.

Bale, Oct. 19.

A message from Vienna states that Count Burian has resigned.

## RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

## GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS IN KIEV.

London, Oct. 19.

A wireless Russian report states that it is reported from Kiev that the Grand Duke Nicholas, the ex-Generalissimo, has arrived there and that M. Sazonoff, the ex-Foreign Minister, has gone to Kiev.

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## THE BALKANS.

## ALLIED TROOPS IN NORTHERN SERBIA.

## MOVEMENTS ACCORDING TO PLAN.

London, Oct. 19.

A French Eastern communiqué states:— The movements of the Allied troops in Northern Serbia and on the frontiers of Montenegro continue according to plan.

## AUSTRIA'S REQUEST FOR AN ARMISTICE.

## PRESIDENT WILSON'S REPLY.

## THE POSITION OF THE CZECH-SLAVS.

[TUCHEVSKY BUREAU AGENCY.]

Washington, Oct. 18.

The Secretary of State to-day made public the following:— [From the Minister of Sweden to the Secretary of State.]

"LEGATION OF SWEDEN, Washington, D.C., October 7, 1918.

"Your Excellency:— By order of my Government I have the honour confidentially to transmit herewith to you the following communication of the Imperial and Royal Government of Austria-Hungary to the President of the United States of America:—

"The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, which has waged war always and solely as a defensive war and repeatedly given documentary evidence of its readiness to stop the shedding of blood and to arrive at a just and honourable peace, hereby addresses itself to his Lordship the President of the United States of America and offers to conclude with him and his Allies an Armistice on every front on land, at sea and in the air, and to enter immediately upon negotiations for a peace for which the Fourteen Points in the Message of President Wilson to Congress of January 8, 1918, and the Four Points contained in President Wilson's Address of February 12, 1918, would serve as a foundation and in which the viewpoints declared by President Wilson in his Address of September 27, 1918, will also be taken into account."

"Be pleased to accept, etc. (sd.) 'W. A. F. ECKENKON'."

[From the Secretary of State to the Minister of Sweden.]

"DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, D.C., October 18, 1918.

"Sir:— I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 7th inst., in which you transmit a communication of the Imperial and Royal Government of Austria-Hungary to the President."

"I am now instructed by the President to request you to be good enough through your Government to convey to the Imperial and Royal Government the following reply:— 'The President deems it his duty to say to the Austro-Hungarian Government that he cannot entertain the present suggestions of that Government because of certain events of the utmost importance which, occurring since the delivery of his Address of the 8th of January last, have necessarily altered the attitude and responsibility of the Government of the United States.

"Among the Fourteen Points of Peace which the President formulated at the time occurred the following:—

"The peoples of Austria-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development."

"Since that sentence was written and entered to the Congress of the United States, the Government of the United States has recognized that a state of belligerency exists between the Czech-Slovak and the German and Austro-Hungarian Empires, and that the Czech-Slovak National Council is a de facto belligerent Government clothed with proper authority to direct the military and political affairs of the Czech-Slovak. It has also recognized in the fullest manner the justice of the national aspirations of the 'Jugo-Slav' for freedom."

"The President is, therefore, no longer at liberty to accept a mere 'autonomy' of these peoples as a basis of peace, but is obliged to insist that they and not he shall be the judges of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian Government will satisfy their aspirations and their conception of their rights and destiny as members of the Family of Nations."

"Accept, Sir, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration."

(Signed) ROBERT BANSING.

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## RECEPTION TO-MORROW ON BOARD A.S. "NANKING."

The China Mail Steamship Co's new American passenger liner, Nanking, of 15,000 tons displacement arrived in Hongkong from America yesterday (Sunday, October 20th), and owing to the great amount of interest which the advent of this new vessel has aroused among those who are interested in the Trans-Pacific passenger trade, the management have decided to throw open the vessel for a general public reception to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon, between the hours of four and six o'clock. A special launch service will be provided every ten minutes between Blake Pier and the steamer for the convenience of those friends of the Company who desire to inspect the ship and enjoy her hospitality.

Owing to the large number of friends and patrons of the China Mail Line who have desired to visit the vessel, it has been impossible to send invitations to every individual, but the Company hopes that all who are interested will consider themselves cordially welcomed on board at the above mentioned hour and a cordial invitation is extended to all who care to do so to visit the vessel.

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The soundness of the judgment of the founders of the Company has been amply demonstrated by the success which has attended the new Company ever since its inauguration. The new steamer which is being thrown open to the public of Hongkong for the first time to-morrow afternoon, marks the first definite step forward since the Company began its operations. The management believe this vessel to be the finest American passenger steamer on the Pacific both as regards size, speed and appointments, and the pride which the Company feels in this new addition to their fleet makes it a pleasure for them to throw it open to their friends on this occasion.

The vessel accommodates 123 passengers, first class, 100 second class and 230 third class.

It is hoped that as many as possible will take advantage of this opportunity to inspect this vessel. The Nanking is now being operated by its owners the China Mail Steamship Co., Ltd., under Charter to the U.S. Shipping Board.

THE "HIRANO-MARU" DISASTER.

The following excerpts from two telegrams received in Tokyo, from London, and passed on to the Head Office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in reference to the passengers of the sunken "Hirano Maru," have been forwarded to us by the local office of the company:—

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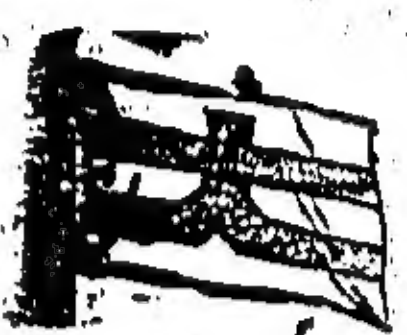
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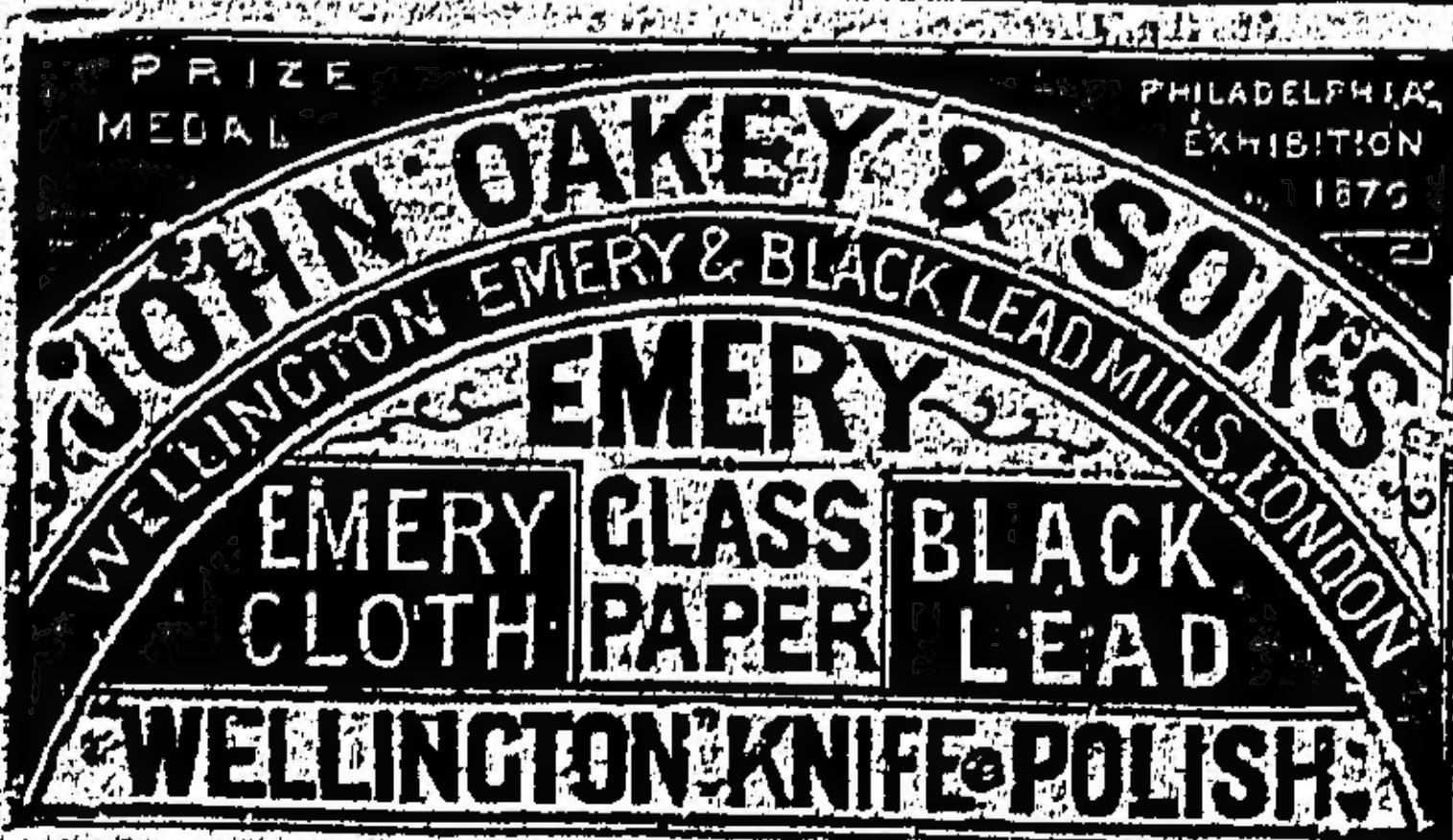
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(By ANCELTALD HIND.)

Until I can obtain additional skilled men for merchant shipbuilding, any immediate and very material increase in present rate of output can hardly be expected. This admission by Lord Pirrie in the statement published recently in the "Daily Telegraph" during the past three or four years. As long ago as October 1914, the Germans inaugurated their campaign against merchant shipping, when a submarine sank the "Giltia" after the last part of four years, during which the Germans have destroyed nearly 8,200,000 tons of British shipping, construction is still proceeding in this country at a slower rate than it was in October, 1914, and the output compares even more unfavourably with that of 1914, 1915 or 1916. The position justifies anxiety. Ships constitute the lifeline of ourselves, our Navy, our Army, our commerce, and our Empire. After making full allowance for new construction and enemy tonnage captured, our merchant navy has been reduced by nearly 4,000,000 tons. Sir Eric Geddes calculates that shipping worth about 412 a gross ton, and on that assumption, our merchant fleet has fallen in value by nearly 450,000,000. It is still being weakened at the rate of 90,000 tons a month.

## TOWN YEARS OF PAIN.

This matter touches the future of British interests, and for the rest of the trouble we must go back long before Lord Pirrie's appointment. In his speech at the opening of the House of Commons, the Prime Minister stated that the enemy's sea offensive and not his land offensive is "the decisive struggle." It has never been regarded in that way. On the contrary, though it was "decisive," to quote the Prime Minister again, it was for a long time regarded as a matter of slight importance. In October, 1914, when the "Giltia" was sunk, conveying a warning of what was to happen, we mobilised a vast army, and later on, under the inspiring pressure of the Prime Minister, we mobilised a vast air force. At the same time we demobilised our shipyards, taking skilled men from them by the thousand. Was there ever a greater act of folly? No one responsible for shipbuilding, whether Mr. Runciman, Sir Eric Geddes, or Sir Alan Anderson, in succession, had the courage to insist to the point of resignation on the problem being faced, though Mr. Runciman did make a good fight. Every one who has been in charge of merchant shipbuilding has endeavoured to find, without success, some path out of the difficulty except the right path—the recognition that as war work, having priority over every other work of a maritime country, as submarine construction was regarded in Germany by Field-Marshal von Hindenburg's orders; and he is right. Looking back, one can now see that the one man who could have saved the situation was the Prime Minister. If, after he had organised the mobilisation movement the effect of which is to be seen today on all the Fronts, he had turned his attention to ship construction, there can be little doubt what the shipping position would be to-day.

## WHAT IS THE SITUATION?

Lord Pirrie's latest statement is depressing, because it conveys the impression that he is not seized with a full appreciation of the situation. He referred, for instance, to the material and labour devoted to the increase of the Fleet during the past four years, and added that from a tonnage of 2,500,000 it had risen to 8,000,000 tons, including auxiliary craft. The Navy has undoubtedly and inevitably imposed a great strain on the shipbuilding and repair establishments, but it has not been anything like as great as that contrast suggests. For correct figures we need only refer to the War Cabinet report, published last spring. "The ships and vessels of all kinds employed in the naval services in September, 1914, after the whole of the mobilisation had been completed, had a tonnage of over 4,000,000; now the figure is well over 6,000,000." Is it suggested that in the interval of a few months an addition of 2,000,000 tons has been made? That is impossible. In the second place, the increase has included not only auxiliary craft built, but auxiliary craft already built and taken over from the Mercantile Marine. That is one misleading statement. The Controller-General has also announced that one of the first steps he took on accepting office was "to arrange for a division of the shipbuilding yards," adding that "there are now a certain number of yards devoted to merchant shipbuilding entirely under my control." According to the report of the War Cabinet, that was the first decision of Sir Eric Geddes when he became Controller and was carried out last year. Lord Pirrie also referred to the proposed extensions in the shipyards, though they represented recent decisions, but according to the First Lord, Sir Alan Anderson was responsible for this scheme, as Sir Joseph Oakeley was responsible for the standard ship which Lord Pirrie also referred to. As it is now some new development, as long ago as November 1, 1917, the First Lord stated that "standard vessels have

now been ordered representing very nearly 1,000,000 gross tons of shipping." That was over nine months ago! And then, again, there is nothing new in the proposal to build "small concrete ships," by which we presume the "barges" of about 1,500 tons capacity, previously mentioned by the First Lord, are meant. Whether those barges can be accurately described as "ships" is a nice point of nomenclature, and Sir Eric Geddes's term is less deceptive.

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LARGES.

What we require are ships to bring goods across the ocean, and, on whose shoulders the responsibility rests, are the obtaining them in sufficient volume. Lord Pirrie has put his finger on the serious position which confronts us when, after admitting that no material improvement in the output is to be expected in the near future, he remarks that "the whole industry is still suffering from the loss of the men who enlisted in the early days of the war." For these years there has been no return to the industry. References are made to men who have been returned from the Army to the shipyards. An illuminating exchange of question and answer occurred in the House of Commons on Wednesday, Mr. G. Lambert: Are any skilled men being recruited at the present time from the shipyards for the Army?

Dr. Macnamara: I cannot say off hand. Mr. "Rock": Are not large numbers of these 12,500 (men who were said to have been returned from the Army in the last seven months) Grade B-men, quite unfit for the heavy work of the shipyards, and therefore useless for the purpose?

Dr. Macnamara: I cannot say in regard to their grade. Mr. Wilkie: Does the right hon. gentleman still hold that apprenticeship to 18 years of age should be taken from the shipyards?

Dr. Macnamara: Perhaps my hon. friend will speak to me about that. The truth is that, while a considerable proportion of the men being recruited are physically unfit for heavy labour, the Army is still taking some of the best labour in the associated industries, and there is reason to fear that the effective energy of the shipyards and marine-engine ships will decline, although the sea struggle is "the decisive struggle," and our adverse balance of 4,000,000 tons of shipping is being increased at the rate of 1,000,000 tons annually.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE LANDING AT OSTEND.  
ADMIRAL KEYES' REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 18.  
The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir Roger Keyes reports that the situation between Nieuport and Ostend on the morning of the 17th was obscure. It seemed uncertain whether the enemy had withdrawn. No fires had been started at either Middelkerke or Ostend. A division of destroyers reconnoitered the coast, air-craft assisting. They arrived at Ostend at eleven o'clock in the morning and the aeroplanes landed on the beach where large crowds of inhabitants assembled.  
Admiral Keyes says: I entered the harbour in a whaler and landed at 11.30, meeting with a great reception. The enemy was not yet clear of the town and a light battery at Lecoo opened fire on the ships, two shells falling on the beach close to the crowd.

## NAVAL FORCE WITHDRAWS.

A heavy battery of four guns, from the direction of Zeebrugge, opened fire on the destroyers, and as it seemed possible the presence of a naval force would lead to the bombardment of Ostend, or to more shells falling in the town, thus endangering the lives of the civilians parading the street, it was decided to withdraw the naval force so as not to give the enemy an excuse for firing on Ostend. I re-embarked and the destroyers withdrew heavily shelled, to just eastward of Middelkerke. Four motor launches remained in Ostend as an inshore patrol, the inhabitants being nervous lest the Germans returned.

## THE KING AND QUEEN OF BELGIUM VISIT OSTEND.

The King and Queen of Belgium expressed a wish to visit Ostend by sea or air. Owing to the difficulty of landing and the uncertainty of the situation, they proceeded in the Belgian destroyer *Terrapont*, flying the Belgian flag at the mast, to the vicinity of Ostend and were received on landing with indescribable enthusiasm. They returned to Liverpool at midnight at night. The British naval forces were undamaged and suffered no casualties.

## FRENCH ATTACKS RESUMED.

LONDON, Oct. 18.  
Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, says:—  
The French re-attacked at dawn between Audignies forest and the forest of St. Gobain and have taken Mennecart, which is a third of the way across Audignies forest, with 300 prisoners.

The German retreat between the Oise and the Somme is evidently to forestall our turning movement.  
General Gouraud has also re-attacked between Vouziers and Grandpre, while further north the Germans are fighting desperately to prevent us crossing the Aisne Canal.

GERMANY AND PEACE.  
FURTHER DISCUSSION WANTED.  
AMSTERDAM, Oct. 19.  
Articles inspired in the German papers indicate that the German reply to President Wilson will invite further discussion. They declare if President Wilson refuses enlightenment regarding the enemy wishes, then the armistice must be regarded as synonymous with unconditional capitulation which Germany's military position does not justify.

DENISH PRESS CLAIMS.  
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 19.  
In consequence of Germany's recognition of President Wilson's fourteen points, the Danish Press, both Ministerial and Opposition, is publishing articles claiming reunion with their Schleswig compatriots.

THE BELGIAN RELIEF COMMISSION.  
ANGLO-AMERICAN COOPERATION.  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.  
Mr. Hoover announces that the Belgian Relief Commission has arranged with the British Quartermaster-General for twenty million emergency rations to be taken from the stores of the British Army in Belgium for the rescued Belgian civilians.  
The Commission is paying the cost.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.  
LONDON, Oct. 18.  
Reuter learns that the situation in Russia is becoming worse.  
Many British subjects have not yet been evacuated.

DUTCH EXPORTS TO GERMANY.  
AMERICA'S OFFER.  
THE HAGUE, Oct. 18.  
The United States Government has offered to immediately furnish Holland with at least 100,000 tons of coal monthly for a year or until after the war, provided Holland stops exports of coal to Germany.

THE TIGEROY OF IRELAND.  
DISCOUNT FRENCH TO RESIGN.  
LONDON, Oct. 18.  
The *Times* Dublin Correspondent writes:—  
The French will soon resign, and the Irish are already resigning.

## To-day's Advertisements

## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS

IS OPENING AT KOWLOON  
(Near New Post Office)  
TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), 22nd October, at 1 p.m.  
WITH NEW AND STARTLING NOVELTIES.

THE AERIAL ACT. THE BESTING PREMIER  
ACROBATS AND THE BOMBLESS WONDER.  
Along with a PROGRAMME never before witnessed in Hongkong.

See our Beautiful Amb. Stallions and Performing Ponies.  
Our Manager consists of:  
ELEPHANTS, LIONS, TIGERS, BEARS, LEOPARDS, HYENAS,  
EMU, ZEBRA, WALLABY, BARBOONS, MONKEYS, DOGS, etc.

Matinees Wednesday & Saturday Afternoons  
Doors Open 3 p.m. Commence 4 p.m.  
When Children will be admitted at half price to all parts of the Circus.

POPULAR PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Full Box, Six Seats ... \$15.00  
Single Seat, Box ... 3.00  
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Soldiers and sailors in uniform, Half Price to the \$1 and \$1.50 seats.

Booking at ROBINSON PIANO Co., Daily.  
W. HARMSTON, C. M. BRUCE, R. ALTON & W. SYMONS,  
Proprietor, Band Master, Agents.

PALACE HOTEL,  
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(Two minutes from Star Ferry).  
Recently renovated and refurbished, electric light and fans throughout and entirely under new management. Cuisine under the personal supervision of the proprietor. Bar and Billiard Rooms. Terms moderate. Special terms to families on application to  
Telephone K. 3. J. H. OXBERRY, Proprietor.  
Telegraphic Add.: "PALACE"

"OUR DAY"  
GYMKHANA  
AT HAPPY VALLEY,  
24th and 26th October, at 2.00 p.m.

SIDE SHOWS  
THE JOY WHEEL  
A sure means of renewing youth and keeping healthy.

"OUR DAY" BISLEY  
Under easy conditions and for magnificent trophies.

THE CHUTE  
To slide down which is guaranteed to sweep away the fundamental causes of all troubles.

THE HINDENBURG LINE  
Come along and assist to break it.

THE PILL BOX  
Operated from ideas received direct from the Western Front.

THE DUCK POND  
The real article. No Camouflage.

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Charlie Chaplin in Easy Street, and Several Other Attractions.

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SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXAMINATION  
All sorts of Frames, Lenses and Telescopes planned

ROSE ROOM  
YEARNING  
HINDUSTAN  
SAND DUNES  
ROSES OF LORRAINE  
ANTONIO, MY BOY  
THE ANDERSON  
MUSIC CO., LTD.  
Tel. 1323

TO-day's Advertisements  
PUBLIC AUCTION  
The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned)  
FRIDAY,  
the 25th October, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 4, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.  
A quantity of JEWELLERY, etc.  
Comprising:  
A number of 18-kt. Gold Watches,  
Chain Diamond and Jewellery Rings,  
Pin, Brooches, etc.  
Also  
A quantity of Descente de Tête,  
Broomsticks, Broomsticks, Telescopes and  
Ships Clock.  
Terms: Cash.  
HUGHES & HUGHES,  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, Oct. 21, 1918.

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A HOUSE in "Knutsford Terrace",  
Kowloon.  
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.  
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SOLE DISTRIBUTORS FOR THE FAMOUS  
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MOTOR  
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BEST CARS IN THE COLONY FOR HIRE.

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IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS  
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Caustic Soda, Soda Ash, Mariate of Ammonia, Silicate of Soda, Refined Bicarbonate of Soda, Mineral Water, and Soda Crystal, Bleaching Powder, Sulphur Acid, Sulphate of Ammonia, etc., etc.

ALWAYS IN STOCK.  
No. 32, DES VŒUX ROAD, WEST, HONGKONG.

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King War Ambulances and Armored Cars now in service prove this eight cylinder automobile to be strong, powerful and reliable to the highest degree. World-wide operation over several years demonstrates adaptability for use in every climate. Unusually economical. Furnished in four handsome body models: 7-passenger Touring Car; 4-passenger Four-door; 3-passenger Roadster; 7-passenger Sedan. Prices moderate.

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## INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Europe (via Negapatam) ...	Kwaiyang	Wednesday, 23rd Oct.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai and North China ...	Sinkiang	Tuesday, 22nd, Noon.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haihong	Tuesday, 22nd, 7.00 p.m.
Java and Port Moresby via Batavia ...	Chiyo Maru	Tues. 22nd, 2.00 p.m.
Saigon ...	Manche	Tues. 22nd, 3.00 p.m.
Hai Phong ...	Takung	Tues. 22nd, 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai and North China ...	Wosang	Tues. 22nd, 4.00 p.m.
Swatow and "Bangkok" ...	Luechow	Wed. 23rd, 8.00 a.m.
*Shanghai and *North China ...	Chichibu Maru	Wed. 23rd, 8.00 a.m.
Philippine Islands, *Straits, and *Europe via Suez ...		Wed. 23rd, 5.00 p.m.
The Parcel Mail for United Kingdom will be closed on Wednesday, 23rd Oct., at 5 p.m.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao	Sosha Maru	Thurs. 24th, 8.00 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow and Hai Phong	Hanoi	Thurs. 24th, 9.00 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ...	Haitan	Friday, 25th, 1.00 p.m.
Philippine Islands ...	Yuensang	Tues. 25th, 2.00 p.m.
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Shanghai and North China ...	Kaifong	Sat. 26th, 2.00 p.m.

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In the case of Mails closing before 9 a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on the previous evening.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, October 21, 1918.

On London ...	3 3/4
On Demand ...	3 3/4
30 days' sight ...	3 3/4
4 months' sight ...	3 3/4
Credit, 4 months' sight ...	3 3/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight ...	3 3/4
On Paris ...	48 1/2
On Demand ...	48 1/2
Credit, 4 months' sight ...	48 1/2
On New York ...	75 1/2
On Demand ...	75 1/2
Credit, 90 days' sight ...	75 1/2
On Bombay ...	100 1/2
On Demand ...	100 1/2
On Calcutta ...	100 1/2
On Demand ...	100 1/2
On Singapore ...	148 1/2
On Demand ...	148 1/2
On Manila ...	158 1/2
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On Shanghai ...	144 1/2
On Demand ...	144 1/2
Gold, 100 fine (per tael) ...	44.70
Sovereigns (buying rate) ...	\$ 6.90 nom.
Silver (per oz.) ...	49 1/2
Bar Silver in Hongkong ...	25 1/2 prem
Chinese Copper Cash ...	2 1/2 p.m.
Chinese Copper Cents ...	33 1/2
Rate of Native Interest ...	7 1/2 p.m.
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Hongkong Bank	\$400 b.
MARINE INSURANCE	
Canton Ins.	\$380 n.
North China Ins.	T 127 1/2 n.
Union Ins.	\$915 n.
Yangtze Ins.	\$8200 n.
Far Easterns	T 27 1/2 n.
FIRE INSURANCE	
China Fire Ins.	\$133 n.
Hongkong Fire Ins.	\$430 b.
SHIPPING	
Shanghai	\$78 b. & d.
H.K. Steamship	\$250 b. & d.
Indo-China (Per)	\$80 b.
Do. (Def)	\$168 n.
Shell Transport	117 1/2 b. 116 1/2 n.
Star Lines	\$28 n.
RUBBER	
China Sugars	\$25 b.
Malayan Sugars	\$28 n.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Kailan Mining Adm.	47 1/2 b.
Langkats	72 b.
Batavia	\$2.40 n.
Tromps Mines	33 1/2 b.
Ural Caspian	32 1/2 b.
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H. & K. Wharfs	\$94 n.
H. & W. Docks	\$65 b.
Shai Docks	T 155 n.
New Engineering	T 245 b.
LANDS, HOUSES & BUILDINGS	
Central Estates	\$100 n.
Hongkong Hotels	\$20 n.
Hongkong Land	\$90 b.
Humbroys	\$7.25 b.
Kowloon Lands	\$23 b.
West Point	\$72 n.
COTTON	
Ewo Cottons	T 2 1/2 b.
Kung Yiks	\$104 b.
Long King Mows	\$124 b.
Chinails	\$2.40 n.
Shanghai Cottons	\$125 b.
Yangtze Cottons	\$610 b.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Cement	\$8.50 n.
China Borax	\$111 1/2 b. 111 1/2 n.
China Lights	\$2.70 b.
China Providents	\$7.80 b.
Dairy Farms	\$22 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric	\$14 n.
Maan Do	\$41 n.
Hongkong Rope	\$31 b.
H.K. Tramways	\$7.00 b.
Peak Tramways (Old)	\$6.75 b.
do (New)	\$7.70 b.
Harbour Land	\$2.40 n.
H.K. Steel Foundry	\$13 n.
Water-works	\$12 n.
Watsons	\$10.00 b.
Powells	\$9.80 b.
Wismans	\$91 n.